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Governor Jindal Declares State of Emergency Due to Severe Weather

BATON ROUGE (October 13, 2014) – Governor Bobby has declared a state of emergency due to severe weather and tornado damage in portions of Louisiana. A very strong storm system continues to move across the state, with the National Weather Service (NWS) issuing a series of Severe Thunderstorm Warnings, Severe Weather Statements, Tornado Watches and Tornado Warnings.

A tornado and damaging winds were reported earlier today in Ouachita Parish as part of this system. Downed power lines have been reported along with damage to houses, buildings and vehicles. Ouachita Parish declared a state of emergency after nearly 40,000 people lost power in the region.

A declaration of emergency is necessary to allow state agencies to respond to requests for assistance from local governments.

"We are working with our local emergency managers to monitor the ongoing threat of severe weather this evening," said GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis. "Additionally, GOHSEP regional coordinators are involved in damage assessments with local agencies in order to coordinate any state resources needed for recovery."

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